

**Montana Adult Basic and Literacy Education
2012 Competitive Application
Bidder's Conference
April 23, 2012**

- 1. This grant is for two years then?**
This grant is for one year, and an extension application must be submitted each year. Low-performing programs will have an opportunity to receive a second year of funding with technical assistance from the state. It is anticipated there will be a competitive application every five years.
- 2. How many applications are you expecting and approximately how many will be awarded.**
It is anticipated that up to 20 proposals may be awarded. Number of applications is not known.
- 3. Does "dedicated data person" mean that the person entering data does nothing else but data?**
No, it does not mean that a person's sole responsibility will be data entry.
- 4. Section III, Pg. 18 of the application: Should this page be signed by the Director or authorized Rep?**
This should be signed by the authorized representative.
- 5. On Page 7 of the application there is a statement that says core Indicators, Placement in, retention in....Post-secondary education?**
Core indicators include making gains in an educational functioning level, placement in postsecondary, receipt of a GED, placement or retention in unsubsidized employment.
- 6. Last time the breakdown % was .65 Federal and .35 State, Do we use the same %**
The state is required match is 25%.
- 7. Right now, we are not allowed to serve those who already in college?**
The U.S. Department released the Integrated Education and Training Policy in June 2010. This can be found on the LINCS Web site:
http://www.nwlincs.org/mtlincs/opi/pp/mt_able_policies_and_procedures.htm#NRS
- 8. Is the authorized rep for us the same as in the past (thru the consortium grant) or is this someone new?**
Authorized representatives will remain the same.

9. For the budget portion, do we put the amount requested for two years or just one?

Complete the budget portion for one year.

10. We will call you later for more clarification if needed.

11. The breakdown of the grant, what percentage is state money what percentage is federal money....past was 35% 65% when we divide the total amount.

State and local matches are both 25%. Existing programs must adhere to maintenance of effort.

12. WE will call...not the question we have

13. Comment: The state has to match 25% or more.

14. Don't you have 21 funded programs right now?

There are currently 20 funded programs.

15. Can you give us your contact information so we can call if we have questions?

Point of contact for mailing is on page 12 of the application.

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16. Clarification for those of us who are new - so a grant of this nature has not been completed since 2002? Everything since then has just been renewal applications?

That is correct.

17. Will you post the PowerPoint you presented at the beginning?

Yes, PowerPoint and recorded session will be posted on OPI Web site on the Adult Basic and Literacy Education home page.